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Enrollment is up again

By Brenda Iracheta

Staff Writer

UTB/TSC's spring enrollment has surpassed last semester's, possibly setting a new record.

A total of 9,125 students are enrolled at UTB/TSC this semester, an increase of 33 students over last semester, according to preliminary figures provided by the Enrollment Office.

Although Spring 2000's total is higher than last fall's record enrollment of 9,092, officials say final figures will not be available until Feb. 2, the Official Record Date.

Emilio Garcia, director of the Enrollment Office, said 1,044 students enrolled during new registration, an increase of 210 students, or 5 percent, over last fall. Area registration was conducted Jan. 12-13.



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Staff members Juan de Leon (from left), Pat McGhee and George Garcia cook hot dogs on for students on Thursday. The cookout was part of Welcome Week activities. De Leon and Garcia are with the Physical Plant and McGhee is director of the Testing Center. See additional Welcome Week photos on Page 8.

Black History Month

The Black History Month Committee is sponsoring a student essay contest. The topic of the essay is "How the Civil Rights Movement Has Changed America." Essays must be submitted by noon Feb. 4 to Deloria Nantz-Davis, chairman of the Mathematics Department, in SET-B 2-454. The winning essays will be read at 2 p.m. Feb. 10 in the SET-B Lecture Hall. For more information, call Nantz-Davis at 574-6643. For February's Black History schedule see next page.

Adds/Drops

Today is the last day to add or drop a class.

Spring 2000 graduates

Tuesday is the deadline for spring graduation applications.

Board OKs partnership extension

By Rachel Benavidez

Staff Writer

The Southwest Union Junior College District board of trustees, including newly appointed member Eduardo Campirano, has voted to continue the partnership between the University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College.

U.S. District Judge Fliston B. Vela administered the oath of office to Campirano on Jan. 18 during the board's first order of business. Campirano, a TSC graduate, was accompanied by his family. He will fill Position 4, which has been vacant since the death of longtime trustee Prax Grive last March.

Campirano was nominated by

trustee David Oliveira at the Dec. 16 board meeting, and was described by Oliveira as "an asset" to TSC.

In a recent interview with The Collegian, Campirano said the most important issues facing the university are "meeting the needs of the community and managing growing pains" due to enrollment increases. As a new member of the board, Campirano says he will work toward resolving these issues but first faces a "learning period." He considers being named to serve on the board "a great opportunity."

Campirano is assistant general manager of the Brownsville Public Utilities Board. He plans to run for election to the TSC board when his term expires in May.

In a unanimous vote, trustees approved extending a contract for a continued partnership between Texas Southmost College and UT-Brownsville for a period of 99 years.

The "terms of agreement" state that the agreement between the two entities shall be effective from Sept. 1, 1991, the effective date of the agreement, and may be extended upon mutual agreement of the parties.

"We realized that our future was going to require more than graduates with associate degrees," UTB/TSC President Juliet V. Garcia said. "We needed to find a way to provide quality higher education for a growing population during very lean years."

From this, the UTB/TSC part-

nership was created and became known as the "community university."

Garcia gave a presentation outlining the progress made at UTB/TSC since the partnership actually began in 1992.

She listed several outstanding accomplishments for the university and credited the UT partnership for many of them.

Since the partnership began, the university has seen a 115 percent increase in state appropriated revenue, a 127 percent increase in tax revenue, and a 323 percent increase in federal money (i.e., financial aid funds). Garcia said the increase in federal funds was perhaps "the greatest effect" of the partnership.

The university has also seen growth in land acquisition, land



Eduardo Campirano

and building value, student enrollment and retention.

UTB/TSC has increased from 47 to 387 acres. Five new building projects are in the works, as well as an Interlocal Land Use Agreement, which will allow for the creation of "College Park"/Fort Brown Historical Park.

Tony Zavala, vice president

See "Board," next page

On Campus

Black History Month Activities

February 2000

Feb. 1

Opening Event
noon-1 p.m., Gazebo Area
Opening by UTB/TSC Provost Raymond
Rodriguez and Student Government Association
President Alberto Perez

Dream Wall: What Are Your Dreams for
UTB/TSC and the Rio Grande Valley for 2000-
2010?

"America's Civil Rights Movement" (video)
Introduction and discussion by Luis Rodriguez-
Abad, Behavioral Sciences professor
7:15-8:30 p.m., SET-B Lecture Hall

Feb. 2

"Who We Are Is Who We Were: African
Americans at the Millennium," presented by
Manuel Medrano, Social Sciences professor
1-2 p.m., SET-B Lecture Hall

Feb. 3

"Lessons Learned from Martin Luther King Jr. on
Resolving Conflict Peacefully"
Presented by Ethel Canon, Behavioral Sciences
associate professor
11 a.m.-12:15 p.m., SET-B Lecture Hall

"Brownsville Raid"

Presented by Anthony Knopp, Social Sciences pro-
fessor
2-3 p.m., SET-B Lecture Hall

"TAAS-Is It Fair?" A Panel Discussion
Participants: Lawyer Mark Fassold, Provost

"Board"

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for External Affairs, described
the project as "a city park on col-
lege owned and leased land."
The agreement, to be presented to
the Brownsville City
Commission and the Texas Parks
and Wildlife Commission, states
that the Board of
Trustees...would work to pro-
vide recreation, study areas, open
space, greenways and trails on its
campus for students' use in edu-
cation, research and recreation.
The proposed park would be
available for public and city use.
The college and the city would
share maintenance responsibil-
ties.

A new parking lot opened
Jan. 19, with access off East
Jackson Street, providing addi-
tional parking spaces. At least
two more lots are planned.

Building value has increased
from \$44.9 million in 1991 to
\$23.5 million in 1998, with a
\$114.5 million projected value
for 2001.

A total of 558 personal com-
puters are available on campus,
compared with 117 in 1996.
Internet connections have grown
from 210 in 1996 to 1,173.

The student body is also grow-
ing. Since 1992, UTB/TSC has
increased its lower division
enrollment by 18 percent, upper
division enrollment by 54 per-
cent, and its graduate level
enrollment by 132 percent. It has

the highest enrollment increase
in the entire UT System, with a
38 percent increase overall. Not
only are more students enrolling,
more are staying, and graduating.

The university ranks nationally
as one of the top producers of
Hispanic graduates, according to
Hispanic Outlook magazine.
Among these 100 universities,
UTB/TSC is:

- No.1 in foreign language
bachelor's degrees awarded
- No.1 in mathematics bache-
lor's degrees awarded
- No.10 in English bachelor's
degrees awarded
- No.18 in biology bachelor's
degrees awarded
- No.32 in total bachelor's
degrees awarded
- No.39 in total master's

degrees awarded

"But are they high-quality
graduates?" Garcia asked-and
answered, with a resounding,
"Yes."

She said UTB/TSC graduates
have exceeded the ExCET
exam's 70 percent pass rate since
1995 and have already exceed-
ed the 75 percent pass rate to be
implemented in 2001.

Accounting graduates have
also shown exemplary success in
passing the CPA Exam. The
national passing average is 20
percent on the first try while 50
percent of UTB/TSC graduates
pass the exam.

The only area that the univer-
sity has not seen significant growth
is in faculty and staff salaries.
While UTB/TSC ranks second

Participants: Maurice Lee, dean of the College of
Liberal Arts, University of Central Arkansas;
Patricia McGraw, University of Central Arkansas,
and Antonio Zavaleta, UTB/TSC vice president for
External Affairs
7-9 p.m., SET-B Lecture Hall

Feb. 10

"Brief History of Jazz"
Demonstration lecture by Terry Tomalin, associate
professor of Fine Arts, and the UTB/TSC Jazz
Band
1-2 p.m., SET-B Lecture Hall

Student Essay Reading with refreshments/recep-
tion
2-3 p.m., SET-B Lecture Hall

Feb. 11

"The Foreign Student" (French)
Movie presented by Cinema Club
7 p.m., SET-B 2.548

Feb. 12

"La Isla De Los Colores"
Children's play presented by UTB/TSC drama
group "La Ventana"
Playwright: Saul Schkolnik
Adaptation: Maria C. Cavazos
Director: Lidia Diaz
2-4 p.m., SET-B Lecture Hall

Feb. 18

"Amistad" (U.S.)
Movie presented by Cinema Club
7 p.m., SET-B 2.548

among UT partners in faculty
course load, it ranks last in fac-
ulty salaries. Trustees did not dis-
cuss this statistic.

"Not only have we met our
goals, but have extraordinarily
exceeded them," Garcia told the
board. The audience applauded.

After trustees signed the part-
nership agreement, Chairwoman
Mary Rose Cardenas said,
"We're still in business."

In other business, Garcia
announced that Margarita
Roque, associate vice president
for Institutional Advancement, is
leaving the university. Zavaleta
will serve as the department's
interim vice president until the
position is filled.

-Debra Widom contributed
to this report.

On Campus

Brownsville celebrates King's dream

By Debra Wilborn
Staff Writer

Community members came together in observance of Martin Luther King Day for the third year in a row. "An Evening of Celebration" on Jan. 17 drew almost 200 people to the UTB/TSC Lecture Hall for the event, a dramatic improvement over last year's sparse crowd of 50.

Mathematics Department Chairwoman and mistress of ceremonies Deloria Naeze Davis was encouraged by the increase, attributing much of it to improved advertising and community support.

Betty Pilson, minister of music at First Baptist Church in Atlanta, Texas, started the celebration with a stately interpretation of the hymn "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing."

Provost Raymond Rodrigues gave the official welcome. Rodrigues saw racial strife between white and black students firsthand 35 years ago when he taught at a high school in Las Vegas, Nev.

"We have come a long way," Rodrigues said, "and we still have a long way to go."

Rodrigues answered an unspoken question that weighed the minds of at least a few. In a predominantly Hispanic community, why celebrate a leader of the black civil rights movement?

"Without Martin Luther King and the black movement, there might not have been a Chicano movement," Rodrigues said.

Valley youths were well represented in the music-intensive celebration. Kenmont Montessori

fourth-grade student Maxine Mozella Davis sang "God Must Have Spent a Little More Time on You." Christian Dance Arts, under the direction of Dianne Morris, per-



Children's Voices of the Valley perform "Shabach Hallelujah!" during the Martin Luther King Jr. celebration Jan. 17 at the SET-B Lecture Hall.

formed "The Audition." The best-received performance was the spirited chorus "Shabach Hallelujah!" from the Children's Voices of the Valley, together for the first time.

Other performances included Kenmont Montessori elementary teacher Brunilda Herring, who put more than a little feeling into "Dream in Color." Learning Assistance Center Instructional Specialist and pianist Dave Smith sang "Balm in Gilead." Choir members from Corinth Missionary Baptist Church in Harlingen followed with "So Glad" and "We Shall Overcome," accompanied by Pilson on piano.

The Rev. A.D. Mack, enrollment pastor of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in McAllen, was the speaker and described the theme of the evening as "remember, celebrate and act."

Mack began by summa-

rizing King's life. Coming from a long line of preachers, the highly educated leader was brought up in a tradition of caring for people. Mack expressed that many of

today's social problems stem from "a deficit of love," citing racist police tactics, loss of children to violence and tight-fisted employers.

"We can sit on the sidelines and take whatever may come," Mack said, "or get involved."

Mack said that, like King, "we each have a platform whereby we can influence unfolding events" at home, school or work. King believed he was called by God to champion the cause of justice and that "a person without a cause worth dying for is not yet fit to live."

"The death of a leader is the litmus test of a cause," said Mack, challenging his audience to "step up to the plate" and get involved.

Student Government Association Secretary and host Angela Welch wrapped up the festivities by leading everyone in a round of "Happy Birthday" to King.

Library 'desperate' to fill vacancies

By Rachel Benavidez
Staff Writer

Enrollment at UTB/TSC has grown this semester. New buildings are popping up everywhere, and services are expanding at all levels. Yet, in the middle of this whirlwind of growth and progression, the library-heart of all collegiate activities—has cut back its hours.

By all accounts, "staff constraints" are to blame for this untimely cutback.

"In order for a library to operate, there must be at least six professionals on staff," said Douglas Ferrier, director of the Arnulfo L. Oliveira Library. The library currently employs only four professional librarians, excluding Ferner.

The library was operating 85 hours a week, before the new hours began. "Even that is a minimum," Ferrier said.

Last month, there was already a vacant position when two professional staff members resigned for personal reasons, he said. Since then, the university has been "advertising desperately" to find at least two persons qualified to

fill the positions, and resume regular hours of operation, he said.

Early in the semester, librarians are already experiencing "problems."

The Photo Club and an evening sociology class were counting on using the library's facilities after 9 p.m. and have had to make changes in order to be accommodated.

"It's very frustrating," Ferrier said of the situation, "but there's really nothing we can do."

"As soon as we fill the vacant positions, we can bring the hours right back," Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Raymond Rodrigues said. Asked when that would be, Rodrigues replied,

"Hopefully soon."

Interested persons should inquire with Human Resources in Tandy 266. Qualified applicants should possess a bachelor of library science degree.

For now, the library's hours of operation are 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and noon to 8 p.m. Sunday.

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On Campus

The earlier the better for investing

By Trey Mendez
Staff Writer

Briefs

The Learning Assistance Center will conduct the following Study for A's workshops: "Reducing Math Anxiety," today; "Writing Process I," Tuesday; "Time Management," Wednesday; "Note-taking Tips," Thursday; and "Problem-Solving Strategies," Jan. 31. All workshops are from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in North Hall 116. For more information, call 544-8206.

Stingless, formerly known as Jon-a-Club Day, will be conducted from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Passes. For more information, call the Office of Student Activities at 544-8264.

The Student Government Association will meet at 1:40 p.m. Friday in the Leadership Room, located in the Student Center. For more information, call 983-7254.

UTB/TSC students, faculty and staff may purchase Brownsville Urban System bus passes for \$20 each through Jan. 31 at the Dean of Students office, located in Tandy 207. Bus schedules also are available.

Alliance Française will meet at 7 p.m. Feb. 4 in the Lodge at Camelot Retirement Village in Harlingen. Stella Behar, of UT-Pan American in Edinburg, will give a lecture on the French literature of North Africa. For more information, call Milo Kearney, Society of Sciences professor, at 544-8836.

The International Students Club has donated \$400 to Turkey's Sakarya University (Eskişehir campus), according to Thelma G. Sullivan, the club's sponsor. The university was devastated by recent earthquakes.

The Academic Computing Department will conduct the following free seminars for students: Basics of Microsoft WORD 97, Jan. 31, Feb. 7 and 14; Basics of Microsoft EXCEL 97, Feb. 1, 8 and 15; Basics of Microsoft POWERPOINT 97, Feb. 2, 9 and 16; E-mail, Internet, World Wide Web and Netscape, Feb. 3, 10 and 17; and Basics of FrontPage, Feb. 4, 11 and 18. Sessions, which are one-and-a-half hours long, are conducted at 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Academic Computing Instructional Facility, located on the second floor of the library. Students must register at the Open Computer Lab (also on the second floor). For more information, call the department at 983-0287.

At the tender age of 19, UTB/TSC student Masé O'Bell already has been investing in the stock market for a year.

O'Bell said his parents helped him get started, and he began investing because he wanted to provide for his future and the future of his children. He owns stock in Continental Airlines and has shares in two mutual funds from James.

Is O'Bell starting too early?

Nix at all, according to experts who say, "the sooner the better."

According to information provided by the local office of A.G. Edwards, 22 percent of young adults between the ages of 22 and 32 have no retirement savings, 47 percent have between \$1,000 and \$9,999, 18 percent have between \$10,000 and \$49,999, 7 percent have between \$50,000 and \$99,100 and 5 percent have \$100,000 or more.

Whatever your financial goals, the most important thing to remember is to invest early.

Micki Buonestro, a registered sales assistant with the local office of A.G. Edwards, said most people believe they must start their accounts with a large sum of money, but that is not the case. The minimum amount to open an account at A.G. Edwards is \$250.

What some people may not real-

ize about investment brokers is that they offer a lot more than stocks and mutual funds. They also offer bonds, certificates of deposit and checking accounts.

Buonestro advises young investors to buy mutual funds because they offer little pieces of various companies and are less volatile than stocks. Some people who buy stocks rely too much on one or two companies because they cannot afford to buy into too many.

Buonestro stressed the discipline of saving as the hardest obstacle to overcome as a young investor. For example, saving \$166 each month for a year is better than putting away a lump sum of \$2,000. Additionally, a buyer may get better value in the long run, she said, due to the fluctuation of stock prices.

For the person looking toward a retirement account, Buonestro recommends the Roth IRA as a good start.

Buonestro said that over the years, there have been more accounts opened by young adults, either on their own or by a relative.

Internet brokers have taken away some of traditional brokers' business lately, but Buonestro said person-to-person investing is the best way to go because it is the premium way to plan out what angle to take for your future.

In recent years, the task of investing has become increasingly easier.

The reason for this can be traced to the rising popularity of Internet brokers such as E*Trade and Ameritrade. Easier and less costly accessibility has also opened up the stock market to a younger generation of customers. Since it is simpler to invest these days, there is no reason college students should exclude themselves from the rewards. You have heard the phrase "the sooner the better," and nowhere is that more evident than investing.

The advantages of Internet brokers is the fact that they let the person do everything themselves without the aid of a "middleman." Costs per trade are also quite low, usually around \$8, but the risk arises from lack of knowledge and tax preparation. These computer-based companies offer research aids and company analysis accompanied by market and index summaries with historical lookups. Customer service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, with the exclusion of market holidays. The minimum account ranges from \$1000 to \$2000.

Though online investing has become a trend, communicating personally with a broker is usually better. Brokers have vast financial expertise and most of them have been in the business for a long time. They have perhaps the most in-depth knowledge of financial assets.

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Students to offer income tax assistance

UTB/TSC accounting students again will provide income tax assistance this year for students and the community through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program (VITA).

The Internal Revenue Service coordinates VITA, training volunteers and offering free tax help at selected sites in the community.

VITA volunteers at UTB/TSC are accounting students in the School of Business. They attended training for a week. Volunteers assist people with basic tax returns, particularly those with low and limited income, individuals with disabilities, non-English-speaking and elderly taxpayers.

This year, the UTB/TSC VITA site, located in South Hall 248, will provide electronic filing for those individuals who qualify.

Individuals should bring the following to have their income tax returns prepared: this year's tax package and/or label, all forms W-2 and 1099s,

information for other income, deductions and credits and a copy of last year's tax return. If you plan to file a return electronically, original Social Security cards for the taxpayer and dependents will be needed.

Assistance will be provided from 4 to 7 p.m. every Wednesday, beginning Feb. 2 and ending April 12. Income tax assistance also will be provided from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Feb. 10 at the UTB/TSC Financial Aid Fair at Jacob Brown Auditorium.

Campus VITA coordinators are R.B. Vinson, chairman of the Accounting Department; Sharon Smith, Business Technology assistant professor; and Paula Garcia, School of Business Co-op Education coordinator.

For more information, call the School of Business at 983-7326 or 544-3837.

—Office of News & Information

Club spotlight

Name: Criminal Justice Association

Purpose: To provide a Cameron County-wide association that will promote positive relations among the community, the university and criminal justice agencies

Sponsors: Susan Ritter and Harry White

President: Carmen Mata

Membership: 30

Meeting time and place: 1 p.m. each Friday in South Hall 107

Community service:

Students Together on Patrol (S.T.O.P.), Beach Clean-Up, Boo at the Zoo

Recruitment: Open to all faculty and students

Membership fee: \$5

For more information: e-mail Mary Sandy Mendez at

Sandee1968@hotmail.com

Note: Elections for the positions of vice president, secretary and treasurer will be conducted in a coming meeting.

—Compiled by Brenda Procheta

Viewpoint

What was your parking experience like on the first day of classes?

"My parking experience was good. I found a good parking space."

—Eva Lamas,
Sophomore pre-med major

"[A parking space] was easy to find. Get here very early."

—J.J. Aramburo,
Sophomore

"Well, it wasn't what I expected. I had to arrive here at 7 a.m., and my classes [don't start till] 12 p.m.! I guess that the students can manage."

—Rosa Hernandez,
Freshman Spanish major

"It was all right. I had a great parking space."

—Freddy Gonzalez,
Freshman business major

"It was OK, considering I woke up late."

—Monica Y. Sanchez,
Freshman finance major

Student Soapbox

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Loan check process guaranteed to give grief

By Rachel Benavidez
Columnist

Getting your student loan check is like running an obstacle course. Applying for the funds seems easy enough, I guess. You fill out a Free Application for Federal Student Aid, send it in, get back an Student Aid Report, correct the inevitable mistakes, send it back—again, then wait for your award letter. You hope it's enough to fix your car, do some shopping, cover those credit card bills and, of course, pay for your tuition (with the new fees) and buy your books. Once it comes, it's like the light at the end of the tunnel. You open it, trembling, and find out if that light is a way out, or a 20-car train coming to run you and your little shopping trip down.

Then the fun really begins. Can anyone say loan session?

In order to actually see these pennies from heaven, you must first attend what is called a loan session. I call it a two-hour warning meant to inform/scare students about the dangers of borrowing government money without the firm intention of paying it back—with interest. (They aren't kidding, people! Uncle Sam don't play that.) If at the end of this "session" you still want to borrow, you sign some paperwork, in blood, and wait... some more.

Within a few weeks, a letter comes from your "lender" notifying you of your final award amount. You made it this far.

Now comes the sudden death round of financial aid: actually collecting your hard-earned money.

At the risk of sounding redundant, I'll ask a question that many of you who have actually been through the financial aid obstacle course and lived to tell about it may be asking yourselves. Why can't our beloved university mail the checks and save them and ourselves a lot of additional aggravation? I wouldn't mind having yet another fee to cover the added expense. I propose a 50-cent just-mail-me-the-check fee.

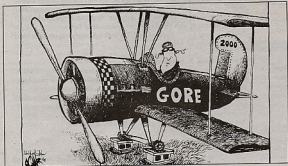
Now, I'm sure there's some logical explanation as to why this will never happen. There must be some arbitrary bureaucratic justification to the mental and physical challenge students endure to collect their eagerly awaited loan checks. But whatever it is, every semester I seem to care less and less to hear it.

Now come the dreaded lines.

First, you must stand in line to pay your tuition in full. Now, I may be wrong here but, isn't that what financial aid money is for? Has anyone up there heard of a "Catch 22"? Then, you have to get a statement of charges—line No. 2. Then you have to get your ID validated—you guessed it, line No. 3. Then you wait until your first class day so that you can miss your first classes in order to stand in the fourth and final line...maybe. For those unfortunate who had the audacity to add/drop, you must pay your add/drop fees before you see one red cent. Whoever said you have to spend money to make money must have been a UTB graduate.

Then comes the exhilaration, the promised land, Mecca. Your eyes well up with tears and all is right with the world. For one brief shining financial aid moment, it all seems worth it—until next semester or the money runs out, whichever comes first and we do it all over again.

For all the survivors of the financial aid obstacle course, I offer my congratulations. It is a new semester and a new era. We made it to the 21st century, and someday, so will the check disbursement system.



Scholarships

Scholarships for Entering Freshmen

Americorps Program

Applicant must be enrolled, have a willingness/skill in working with children, available 24 hours a week, and commit to a full year, September 00-August 2001 (900 hours). The applicant must also have an acceptable score on an English Grammar and Usage Test and a great sense of commitment and responsibility.

For information and application, contact Nancy Ruiz or Ruben Garcia at 548-6584. Must Apply For Financial Aid: No

Brownsville Nite Lions Club Scholarship

Two \$500 scholarships are available on a rotating basis each year for seniors attending one of the Brownsville public high schools. One scholarship will be awarded to a student pursuing a major in Liberal Arts; the other to a student pursuing a major in engineering technology, drafting, electronics or machine shop. Applicants must be U.S. citizens. Recipients must enroll full-time during the fall and spring semesters at UTB/TSC to receive the full award. Deadline: April 1 Application: UTB/TSC Scholarship Application Must Apply For Financial Aid: No

Jack Sullivan Memorial Scholarship

Five \$400 awards are available each year for one senior from each of the public high schools in Brownsville. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the U.S. Applicants must have a minimum high school GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale. Preference is given to Education majors. Recipients must enroll at UTB/TSC during the fall and spring semesters to receive the full award.

Deadline: April 1 Application: UTB/TSC Scholarship Application Must Apply For Financial Aid: No

Selden Leavell Endowed Fund

Students must enroll full-time at UTB/TSC and have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0. Incoming freshmen also must enroll as full-time students and have graduated with at least a 3.0 GPA based on a 4.0 scale. Applicants must demonstrate financial need as determined by the Financial Aid Office.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent U.S. resident. Deadline: April 1 Application: UTB/TSC Scholarship Application Must Apply For Financial Aid: Yes

TSC Endowment Program

The TSC Endowment is applicable toward in-district tuition for the freshman and sophomore years at Texas Southwest College. In order to qualify for the TSC Endowment, the student must:

- Attend an eligible high school in the qualifying districts for at least three years.
 - Graduate from an eligible high school in the qualifying districts.
 - Graduate from the Recommended Curriculum or the Distinguished Achievement Curriculum, as defined by the school district.
 - Graduate with a cumulative "B" average or better.
 - Pass all sections of the TASP (or an alternative TASP Test) before enrolling at TSC.
 - Enroll the fall semester immediately following high school graduation.
 - Attend TSC full-time (12 semester-credit-hours or more).
 - Maintain a minimum, cumulative "B" (3.0) average each semester, and
 - Progress through four consecutive semesters (excluding summer sessions).
- Deadline: July 1 Application: TSC Endowment Program Certification Form Must Apply For Financial Aid: No

TSC Top 5%, Top 10% Scholarships for Academic Excellence

Awards of \$600 each are available for entering freshmen that graduated in the top 5 or 10 percent of their high school class. Disbursements must be used at UTB/TSC during the fall and spring semesters immediately following the student's high school graduation. Mid-term graduates may use the scholarship in

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Deadline: April 1 Application: See High School Counselor Must Apply For Financial Aid: No

UTB/TSC Music Department Scholarships

Scholarships are awarded for participation in Concert Band, Vocal Ensemble, Opera, Mariachi, Jazz Band, Instrumental Chamber, Campus Choir, Jazz Choir, Estudiantina, and Pizzo. Applicants do not have to be declared music majors but must enroll in one or more of these music classes in the semesters awarded. The amount and number of scholarships awarded vary according to funding.

Priority Deadline: July 31 Application: UTB/TSC Music Department Application Must Apply For Financial Aid: No

Scholarships for Current and Transfer Students

Americorps Program

Applicant must be enrolled, have a willingness/skill in working with children, available 24 hours a week, and commit to a full year, September 00-August 2001 (900 hours). The applicant must make an acceptable score on an English Grammar and Usage Test and have a great sense of commitment and responsibility.

For information and application, contact Nancy Ruiz or Ruben Garcia at 548-6584. Must Apply For Financial Aid: No

Biology Excellence

Applicants must enroll for a minimum of nine hours, at least three of which must be upper-division hours. A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 is also required. Applicants must be Texas residents, declared Biology or related major (Pre-Med, Pre-Dental, Veterinary Medicine, etc.). Scholarship awards are typically \$750.

Deadline: April 1 Application: UTB/TSC Scholarship Application Must Apply For Financial Aid: No

Brownsville Retired Teachers Association Scholarship

One \$300 scholarship is available for a senior-level student pursuing a degree in the Education field. Student must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 and be a declared Education major.

Deadline: April 1 Application: UTB/TSC Scholarship Application Must Apply For Financial Aid: No

Catholic Daughters of America Scholarship

Two \$400 awards are available for UTB/TSC students starting college sophomore-level coursework in Fall 2000. Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 and must enroll full-time each semester. Applicants must also be U.S. citizens, persons of high moral character, and reside in Texas.

Deadline: April 1 Application: UTB/TSC Scholarship Application Must Apply For Financial Aid: No

Ernesto Gomez, Jr. Scholarship

Two awards covering tuition and fees (up to \$500) are available for UTB/TSC students starting college sophomore-level coursework. Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.5, enroll full-time, and be a declared Kinesiology major/minor or an athlete. Applicants must also be U.S. citizens. Preference is given to students active in community service, Kinesiology Club and Intramurals.

Deadline: April 1 Application: UTB/TSC Scholarship Application Must Apply For Financial Aid: No

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Fifth Year Accounting Scholarship

To qualify, student must be enrolled at least half-time basis; will have completed at least 120 semester credit hours of college coursework at the beginning of the term in which the award is being made; must be making academic progress; must plan to take the CPA examination in the State of Texas, and must be a Texas resident, and demonstrate financial need. Need may be determined by applying for financial aid with the Free Application for Financial Aid (FAFSA).

Application: See Financial Aid Office or call Must Apply For Financial Aid: Yes
THECB (1-800-242-3062)

George Truan Memorial for the Visual Arts

Applicants must present a portfolio of artwork, which is reviewed by a committee of faculty. Applicants must be declared Art majors. A \$1,500 award or more is available each year and may or may not be divided between applicants. Priority Deadline: July 31 Application: UTB/TSC Music Department
Application: Must Apply For Financial Aid: No

Hispnic Scholarship Fund

The applicant must be of Hispanic descent, be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, have completed at least 15 under-graduate credits and be enrolled full-time. Scholarships will be awarded in Spring 2001 for the 2000-2001 academic year.

Application period: August 1- October 15, 2000 For Information: www.hsf.net
Must Apply For Financial Aid: Yes

Selden Leavell Endowed Fund

Students must enroll full-time at UTB/TSC and have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0. Incoming freshmen also must enroll as full-time students and have graduated with at least a 3.0 GPA based on a 4.0 scale. Applicants must demonstrate financial need as determined by the Financial Aid Office and be U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the U.S.

Deadline: April 1 Application: UTB/TSC Scholarship Application
Must Apply For Financial Aid: Yes

Teach for Texas Conditional Grant

To qualify, a student must be recommended by the Dean of the college/school or department of Education. Student must meet all the requirements of the Texas Grant, including but not limited to: Texas residency, a GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, satisfactory academic progress as defined in the statute and rules,

must show financial need and apply for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Have applied for and been accepted into the education certification program and be enrolled at least 1/2 time at an approved institution as a junior or senior in a baccalaureate degree program. Contact the dean of education for more information.

Application: UTB/TSC Education Department Must Apply for Financial Aid: Yes

UTB Continuing Excellence

Applicants must enroll for a minimum of six hours, at least three of which must be upper-division hours. A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 is also required. Applicants must be Texas residents and pursuing their first bachelor's degree. Scholarship awards are typically \$300.

Deadline: April 1 Application: UTB/TSC Scholarship
Must Apply for Financial Aid: No

UTB Graduate Incentive Scholarship Program

Graduate students may contact Mariamela Caballero at Champion Hall 11 or at 983-7310, or your respective dean for an application.

UTB Mathematics Excellence

Applicants must enroll for a minimum of nine hours, at least three of which must be upper-division hours. A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 is also required. Applicants must be Texas residents, declared Mathematics majors, and pursuing their first bachelor's degree. Scholarship awards are typically \$750.

Deadline: April 1 Application: UTB/TSC Scholarship Application
Must Apply For Financial Aid: No

UTB/TSC Music Department Scholarships

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Department Application Must Apply For Financial Aid: No

The UTB/TSC Scholarship Application, essay, and high school transcript must be submitted to the UTB/TSC Financial Aid Office located at Tandy 206. For office hours, please call (956) 544-8277.

Expired applications will not be accepted. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

"Investing"

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and how to manage them.

Mason Zhong, a UTB/TSC business professor who teaches portfolio management and managerial finance, recommends from a theoretical standpoint, that for young people who want to invest money, there are generally two angles in take: low risk/low return and high risk/high return. Low risk/low return investments are for the long-term planner and high risk/high return for the short-term planner.

Either strategy, Zhong said, can benefit whatever it is a student is planning on doing.

For those thinking of long-term

planning, getting a jump-start is very important. Zhong cited an example given by Professors Andrew Lo of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Craig McKinley of Yale University in Financial Planning magazine showing how a successful mutual fund manager can forecast the market. The example states that a \$1 investment in January 1926, with the capital gains reinvested, would have become \$2,303,981,824 in December 1996. Your eyes aren't fooling you: it is more than \$2 billion.

For the short-term investor, a more aggressive portfolio may do the trick. In that case, a larger percentage of high-risk investments should be purchased, usually futures, options and stocks, Zhong

said. For these investments, just like everything else, the best advice comes from financial advisers at brokerage.

Following the lead of students

like O'Neil and seeking counsel from an experienced broker can be one of the smartest things you could ever do in your life. But always, remember one thing: The sooner the

better.

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Life Zone

Welcome Week



DAN K. TERRY/Collegian

Counterclockwise, from top left:

Comedian Harry Basil impersonates Elvis while doing a lap dance Wednesday in the Student Center. Raising his arms is student Jaime Elizondo. The comedian's performance was one of the Welcome Week activities.

Sophomore Erick Dimas takes a bite out of a hot dog. Hundreds of students enjoyed the free meal Thursday in the Gazebo Plaza.

Students Daniel Garcia (left) and Ernesto Gracia enjoy buffalo wings courtesy of the Little Apple during Wednesday's night's A Taste of UTB/TSC. The event was held in the Endowment Courtyard.

SGA member Griselda Estrella (left) and Vice President Heather Tumberlinson prepare a Frito pie for Javier Abrego during a taste of UTB/TSC.



BRIAN CHAN/Collegian



DAN K. TERRY/Collegian



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Sports

Baseball coach aims for playoffs

By Jessica Arriaga

Sports Editor

Although the season doesn't begin until two weeks from now, Scorpion Head baseball Coach Eric Gonzalez already is setting his sights on the playoffs.

"Our goal is to hopefully make it to the playoffs," Gonzalez said.

Four teams from the South Region Zone 14 Athletic Conference advance to the playoffs after the regular season concludes in May.

The Scorpion team has been reduced, after several players failed to maintain their academic eligibility last semester, Gonzalez

said. The Spring 2000 Roster lists 21 players, including nine freshmen and 10 sophomores.

Gonzalez said he has many strong players on the team. Just as important, they are more mature and experienced, he said.

"My job is to get them back in shape, baseball wise," Gonzalez said.

Besides fewer players, the team also is lacking a pitching coach. The position became vacant when Patrick Reid resigned in the fall.

George Solis and Leo Roy Gonzalez continue as assistant coaches.

The Scorpions are sched-



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Scorpion pitcher Humberto Rodriguez practices on Scorpion Park on Wednesday.

uled to play 18 home games and 18 away games. All are Texas Junior College Athletic Conference games.

The Scorpions' season starts Feb. 5, when they travel to Laredo for three games against the Laredo

Community College Palominos.

For their home opener Feb. 12, the Scorpions will bring Baltimore Orioles shortstop Jesse Garcia to throw the first pitch. The team will then battle the

Wharton County Junior College Pioneers in three games.

The first 50 fans at the season opener will receive free T-shirts. Other activities are in the works, as well.

Guevara hopes to help golfers reach nationals

By Trey Mendez

Staff Writer

Jeremy Guevara, freshman golfer, has been on the Scorpion Golf squad for one semester but is already focused on fine tuning his game in hopes of contributing to the team goal of reaching nationals later this

spring.

Guevara, 18, was both a baseball and a soccer player in his youth, but never a golfer until a Little League baseball teammate took him out to hit golf balls during the summer of his eighth-grade year.

"I loved it and I got addict-

ed," Guevara said.

Guevara's ambition for the game led to him playing golf all four years of high school. He finished among the top five nearly every tournament of his senior year.

Guevara attended Lakeview High School in San Antonio, where he

teamed with present Scorpion teammate, Nick Arnold. He was given a full scholarship to UTB/TSC after submitting a resume of his high school golf career to Coach Jess Lucio. Guevara was also offered partial scholarships to Odessa Junior College and West Texas Junior College, but declined.



Jeremy Guevara

"The main thing that attracted me to UTB was the fact that they offered me a full scholarship," Guevara said. "You can't beat a full ride."

Arnold received a full scholarship to UTB/TSC before Guevara.

Guevara already has begun to work on his game for next semester. He practiced hard and took lessons during Christmas break. Guevara is certain that he will improve on his first half performance.

Moving to Brownsville wasn't a problem for Guevara, who got acquainted with his teammates rather

quickly.

"We got to know each other well," Guevara said, "a lot faster than I thought."

Guevara plans to major in business or engineering but is still undecided on his minor. Upon completion of two years at UTB/TSC, he wants to transfer to another college for his degree, where he hopes to play Division I golf.

This semester should be an improvement on the last for both Guevara and the Scorpions Golfers.

"I hope to help the team get to nationals," Guevara said. "It's my main priority."

Spring Intramural Schedule

Basketball
Free Throw
Shoot

Jan. 26

Basketball
Tournament

Feb. 7-10

Pintong Singles
Feb. 16

Pintong Doubles
Feb. 23

Pintong Mixed
Doubles
March 1

Badminton Singles
March 7

Badminton
Doubles
March 21

Badminton Mixed
Doubles
March 28

2 Mile Scorpion
Run
April 3

All intramural sports competitions are scheduled to begin at 2:30. UTB/TSC students and employees can participate with a validated ID. For more information, contact the Kinesiology Department at 544-82 90.

Arts & Entertainment

Instructor interprets India

By Debra Wilborn
Staff Writer

Nancy Schlight's exhibit "Journey to India" opened Tuesday at a packed Richardson Art Gallery as the first show of the semester.

Schlight, an associate professor, found her inspiration for the show last August on a trip to India with three members of the Gorgas Science Society. The trip focused on the wildlife and culture of the south central state of Karnataka and its successful Bandipur wildlife refuge. The group also ventured to temple sites, the largest being Hampi, once capital of the Vijayanagara empire (1336-1565). The site covers 26 square kilometers on a bed of granite.

According to Schlight's gallery statement, animals play an important role in Indian mythology, and "the separation of nature, animals, man and god dissolves into a pantheistic world view."

"This is the type of experience that leaves you with feelings of great respect for the animal world and an appreciation for the urgency to preserve our environment," Schlight said in her gallery statement.

Schlight returned with impressions and 15 rolls of film that she used as references for the many sculptural works in the exhibit.

Accompanying the sculptures are Kodachrome prints of the trip, showing Schlight as an exceptional photographer as well.

"As an artist I was in a state of exhilaration trying to absorb as much as I could of the form, color and texture that surrounded me," Schlight said.

All of the sculpture was made since October. Schlight says she worked on them "night and day,"

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sometimes at 3 a.m.

Most of the exhibited works are terra sigillata pots with clay ornamented lids. The wisps of carbon on the white clay suggest marble but is inspired by the granite temple ruins. The light color ties in with the pale ruins in prints such as "Following the Path," where an old man sits by a sunlit avenue of worn granite blocks.

The shape of the clay pots comes from the water jugs in the area, Schlight said.

"I took that as kind of a motif for supporting these lid shapes," she said, adding that some of them are symbolic and others representational.

Schlight said she used an ancient process called terra sigillata where a fine-particle clay is built up layer by layer. When the clay is of sufficient thickness it is burnished,

not glazed. The black smoky lines on the exhibited pots were applied by touching small pieces of horsetail to the clay when it was hot from the kiln. Schlight chose the effect because of the feeling of color she sensed in India.

"We got there at the end of the monsoon season and everything still had a damp mossy feel," Schlight said. "The ancient temples have this black mold embedded in the stone. The earth is a brick red color. I'm pulling in all of those colors."

On the floor inside concentric rings of rocks, white and red gravel are gray clay feet in a pan, "The Sacred Center" (clay and stone). Joan Price, an assistant professor of Fine Arts, explained that it drew inspiration from the Sufi tradition of fire walking.

Staring wide-eyed down the gallery is the blue-horned "Sacred Cow" (clay with bisque stains). Flanking it are the clay with terra sigillata pieces "Shiva Linga," with its geometric lid, and "Cosmic Flame," topped by fire. Nearby is the stylized female torso "Vakshi" (clay with mahogany base).

The "Temple Dwellers" print features a girl grinning amid the ruins, her saffron skirt blowing in the breeze. Another print, "Divine Nature," focuses on a waterfall diffusing itself on a cliff behind a stand of elephant ears.

"Project Tiger" (clay with terra sigillata) is one of the more dramatic of the "water jug" pieces. The carved stripes of the tiger on the lid imply motion, in contrast to its glassy perch. One can easily imagine the crouching



The "Sacred Cow" (clay with bisque stains) is among the works by Nancy Schlight on exhibit through Feb. 11.

cat peering into a river from a rain-slick rock.

"In the Garden" (print) is full of color. An intensely blue pool contrasts leafy garden plants, hibiscus blooms and the brick red earth common to the area. Nearby "The Temple Elephant" (carved gypsum), a bas relief, hangs on the wall.

"Vyala: Lion Guardian of Lord Krishna" (clay with bisque stains) crouches with its blue paisley hips to the sky, pop-eyed and grinning at visitors.

"Shesha: Seven-headed Serpent" (clay with bronze patina) is easiest described as the hydra's little cousin in a smashing skin of glittering green. The snake has wrapped itself around a simple white vase in which its many heads have taken a keen interest.

"Tusker Trails" (clay with iron patina) is a pair

of elephant heads on opposite sides of a vase. The overall rust color makes the piece look like raw clay. Light on the rim elicits a gold sparkle. Next to it sits "Vehicle of the Gods" (clay with bronze patina), an elephant on a wheeled cart. Behind the two sculptures is "The Game Run," (Kodachrome print) a close-up of domesticated elephant.

Similar to "Vehicle...," "Crossing the Ganges" (clay with bronze patina) is a water buffalo on a wheeled base. Schlight says these two pieces reflect the Indian concept of animals being vehicles of the gods.

"There's so much symbolism in so many levels and layers," Schlight said. "Much of the art there is spiritual and philosophical, and you can't help but be touched by it."

The exhibit ends Feb. 11.

A & E briefs

The University Cinema Club will present "Black Orpheus," at 7 p.m. Feb. 4 in the SET-B Room 2.548. Gaby Ochoa will serve as coordinator for the evening's program. Admission is free.

Fiancé Richard Urbis will perform at 8 p.m. Friday in the SET-B Lecture Hall. Admission is \$3. Urbis, an assistant professor of Fine Arts, is a graduate of the Juilliard School of Music.

Go ask Alice

By TMS Campus

Am I a dork for not being a party animal?

Dear Alice,

I know I just arrived at college, but already I feel like such a dork! Unlike people else I've met, I like to go to bed before 3 a.m. I like eight hours of sleep. I don't drink or smoke and sometimes I like to stay in the dorm in the evenings so I can just relax. At home I worked hard, but was never one of the overachievers who studied every waking moment and went to bed at 8 p.m. every night. Why, suddenly, do I feel like one? And how do I meet other people who can accept me for not being a party animal?

Dear Reader,

It's true, many college students stay up deep into the night studying, gabbing with new friends, ordering take-out, and writing papers. Some know that they are naturally night owls—they are most productive in the wee hours of the night—so they choose late-day classes and sleep in when possible. Others find that especially around midterms and finals, the ground of work combined with their other activities make it virtually impossible to finish everything. Attempting desperately to do just that, they ignore their bodies' "I'm tired!" messages, getting little to no sleep. Still other students, however,

are just like you. If they had their way, they'd call it a night before the difficulty of concentrating and midnight munchies set in.

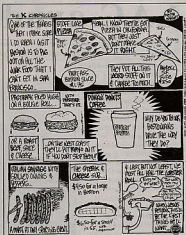
Many students find adjusting to the college sleeping and socializing schedule difficult. It's likely that if you talk with others, you'll find plenty of people who wish they could have more quiet time to themselves. Are you living with a roommate? If you are, one strategy is to talk with him or her to find out which of your habits are similar, and which will require compromise. For example, maybe she wants to go to sleep earlier, and would love to agree on a reasonable time. Or, maybe you'll have to ask that she find another place to study or socialize (a friend's room, the 24-hour reading room, the dorm lounge) on a few nights each week, so that you can rest. You could offer to visit with your friends on other nights, so that each of you has an equal amount of peace and quiet.

If you live in a dormitory, your RA (resident advisor) is also a good person to talk with about your concerns. As an upper-class student, she can probably suggest where to meet other people with your interests and validate your desire for a relaxing, substance-free social environment. Most residence halls develop

"quiet hours"—designated times when loud music and vivacious conversation must be toned down in order for floormates to study or sleep. If your floor doesn't have these, talk with your RA and floormates to pick some reasonable times.

When it comes time to find your next residence, look for roommates and suitmates who share your habits and style. You can also find out if there are substance-free housing options available. In the meantime, search out people who you find interesting and with whom you share goals. If there are people you like, but whose schedules usually leave you excluded, suggest some alternative activities once in a while. Invite them over for a rented movie and take-out, plan a picnic brunch at a scenic spot, go ice skating, or throw a dinner party. Often, people get stuck in a social life rut, simply because they are creatures of habit or don't want to take the flack if their new idea flops. You can also meet people through your college's community service group, film society, religious chapters, student government, and other student activity groups. There are sure to be people who, like you, are conscientious about their personal wellness and study habits, but like to have fun, too.

Alice



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- ACROSS
 1 Out of danger
 2 Gathers in LA
 3 Not prior
 4 Social media
 5 Drink first
 6 Ignored
 7 Initial
 8 Newer code
 9 To not
 10 The girl
 11 Not a word
 12 AKA or AKA
 13 Newer code
 14 On the way
 15 Longest boy
 16 Dismissed
 17 Ability
 18 Actual schedule
 19 Delivered on
 20 Move
 21 Reluctantly
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By Nora McVittie



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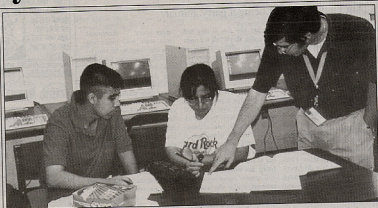
LAC ayuda a conseguir A's

Por Hidelonso Ortiz
Reportero

Un nuevo semestre está comenzando y con él una nueva oportunidad de conseguir unas cuantas A's. El único inconveniente para adquirir A's es que a varios estudiantes se les dificulta aprender todo lo necesario para conseguir una A. Es por esta razón que el Centro de Asistencia para el Aprendizaje (Learning Assistance Center) va a tener unos seminarios sobre cómo conseguir A's.

Daniel Perez, coordinador de instrucción suplemental, dió algunos consejos para ayudar a los estudiantes a tener un mejor desempeño en sus clases. Dijo que los estudiantes deben participar más en clase. Formando grupos de estudio y subrayando los libros son técnicas, según Perez, que ayudan a un mejoramiento académico. Lo más importante es no dejar pasar el tiempo, estudiar después de clase.

"Uno debe de poder separar las ideas esenciales de una clase de las ideas secundarias", dijo Perez refiriéndose a la mejor forma de tomar notas. También dijo Perez que una cosa que se debe evitar es escribir todo palabra por



El Centro de Asistencia para el Aprendizaje

Tutor Luis Sanchez ayuda a estudiantes Michael Sanchez y Cristina Serrata con un problema de matemáticas en el Centro de Asistencia para el Aprendizaje (LAC por sus siglas en inglés).

palabra. Hay veces que las notas son muy largas o el maestro habla muy rápido. Por eso, según Perez, es preferible usar símbolos como "A" para ahorrar tiempo.

En lo que refiere a los exámenes, Perez dijo que para estudiar se necesita tiempo.

"Es muy difícil cubrir todo el material necesario en un día", dijo Perez. Por

esto él recomienda que se estudie un poco cada día después de clase.

"Una forma de estudiar", el dijo, "es tratar de predecir que tipo de preguntas van a estar en el examen y tratar de responderlas bien, luego comparárlas con algunas más". Este consejo de Perez concierne a una forma de estudiar para los exámenes de ensayo.

Perez también dijo que el

LAC está ahí para ayudar a los estudiantes. Perez concluyó diciendo que no se debe tener miedo a hacer preguntas.

"Si se hace una pregunta se puede ser un tonto por cinco minutos, pero si no se pregunta se será un tonto de por vida".

Los seminarios que ofrecerá el LAC serán toda esta semana comenzando hoy. Los seminarios serán los

siguientes días: Hoy lunes "Reduciendo la ansiedad a matemáticas".

Martes "Proceso de escritura I". Miércoles "Manejo de tiempo". Jueves "Tips para tomar notas". Y el 31 de Enero "Estrategias para resolver problemas". Cada seminario se llevará a cabo de 12:30 a 1:30 p.m. en el edificio Norris 116. Para más informes, llame al 544-8208.

Estudiante de hoy

Por Daniela Ortigón
Reportera

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¿Si pudieras cambiar algo en el campus, qué harías?



"Promover un poco más la participación estudiantil en los diversos clubes de la universidad".